

LAWS AND RULES REVIEW COMMITTEE
Professional and Vocational Licensing Division
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs
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MINUTES OF MEETING

The agenda for this meeting was filed with the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, as required by Section 92-7(b), Hawaii Revised Statutes.

Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2003

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Place: Kapuaiwa Room
HRH Princess Victoria Kamamalu Building
1010 Richards Street, Second Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii

Present: Iris Okawa, Chair
Louis Abrams, Vice Chair
Marshall Chinen, Member
Mitchell Imanaka, Member
Kathleen Kagawa, Ph.D., Member
Peter Rice, Member
Vern Yamanaka, Member

Calvin Kimura, Supervising Executive Officer
Alan Taniguchi, Executive Officer
Cynthia Yee, Senior Condominium Specialist
Diane Choy Fujimura, Senior Real Estate Specialist
Lorene Kimura, Real Estate Specialist
Cheryl Leong, Condominium Specialist
David Grupen, Condominium Specialist
Shari Wong, Deputy Attorney General
Irene Kotaka, Secretary

Others: Karen Iwamoto, Hawaii Association of REALTORS®
Tom Gill, Hawaii Association of REALTORS®
Janice Lind, RE3LLC
Wayne Richardson III, RE3LLC

Excused: John Ohama, Member
Trudy Nishihara, Member

Call to Order: The Chair called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m., at which time quorum was established.

Chair's Report: No report was presented.

SEO's Report: **Announcements, Introduction, Correspondence, and Additional Distributions**

Announcements

The SEO informed the Commissioners that the Real Estate Branch will be closed on November 24 to 26, 2003, due to the relocation of their

offices. The new address will be King Kalakaua Building 335 Merchant Street, Room 333, Honolulu, Hawaii.

Real Estate Specialist Ryan Yamashiro was introduced to those present. Specialist Yamashiro was formerly associated with the Regulated Industries Complaints Office.

The Chair thanked Executive Officer Taniguchi for his work and wished him well in his new position.

Additional Distribution

The following materials were distributed prior to the start of the meeting:

4. Program of Work FY04
Division and Department Programs
5. ARELLO, Other Organizations and Jurisdictions
 - a. ARELLO – Special Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes of Previous Meetings

Upon a motion by Commissioner Rice, seconded by Commissioner Abrams, it was voted on and unanimously carried to accept the minutes of the October 8, 2003 Laws and Rules Review Committee meeting.

Program of Work, FY04: Neighbor Island Outreach Organizations

The next neighbor island outreach is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2004, on the island of Maui. The meetings will be held in the REALTORS Association of Maui's Conference Room, located at 441 Ala Makani Place, Kahului, Maui. The Committee meetings will be held as follows:

Laws and Rules Review Committee – 9:30 a.m.

Education Review Committee – Upon adjournment of the Laws and Rules Review committee, which convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Condominium Review Committee – Upon adjournment of the Education Review Committee, which is upon adjournment of the Laws and Rules Review Committee meeting, which convenes at 9:30 a.m.

Commissioners' Education Program

The following were distributed to the Commissioners for their information:

1. OpenLine, October 2003
2. Hawaii State Ethics Commission Memorandum, dated July 1, 2003, regarding campaign fundraiser tickets

Division and Department Programs

The DCCA Director received a letter, dated November 3, 2003, from Tracy Stice, Legislative Committee Chair for the Hawaii Association of REALTORS. The Director forwarded the letter to the Commissioners and a copy was distributed for their information.

Previously, the Hawaii Association of REALTORS had requested information on how the fees collected were being spent and an explanation was provided. The Commission's budget is determined by the Commission, through its program of work. Program of work items are placed on the committee meeting agendas each month. The Commission makes adjustments to the program of work as needed. The Legislature and the Governor sets the budgetary ceiling. REB staff will work with the Hawaii Association of REALTORS to address their concerns.

Ms. Iwamoto stated that the Hawaii Association of REALTORS' Legislative Committee has asked that Tom Gill be the liaison between the Commission and the Committee. Ms. Iwamoto also informed the Commission that the DCCA Director was invited to attend the Legislative Committee meetings. She also extended an invitation to the Commissioners and staff to attend the meetings.

The Chair announced that the issues relating to agency will be placed on the agenda as appropriate. She will discuss this issue with the Vice Chair of the LRRRC. Since the Hawaii Association of REALTORS is not planning to introduce legislation on this until the 2005 Legislative session, the Commission will have ample time to discuss this with them.

ARELLO, Other Organizations and Jurisdictions:

ARELLO

A special meeting of ARELLO's Board of Directors is being called for January 9 and 10, 2004, in Denver, Colorado. The SEO is a member of the board. The Chair is an alternate member of the board.

The SEO reported that he had an opportunity to talk with ARELLO's Executive Vice President and the President at the National Association of REALTORS Conference that he attended recently. He stated that President Taylor would like to bring the planning and decision making back to the Board of Directors instead of leaving it with the committees. Attendance at this special Board of Directors meeting was highly encouraged as decisions made at the special meeting will impact Hawaii.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Imanaka, seconded by Commissioner Rice, it was voted on and unanimously carried to recommend that the Commission send either one Commissioner or staff to the ARELLO Special Meeting, to be held in Denver, Colorado, on January 9 and 10, 2004, subject to the REC Chair's approval, to the Governor's fiscal policy and to budgetary approval.

Open Forum:

None.

Budget and Finance Report: No report was presented.

Next Meeting: Thursday, December 11, 2003
9:00 a.m.
Queen Liliuokalani Conference Room
King Kalakaua Building
335 Merchant Street, First Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii

Adjournment: With no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:22 a.m.

Reviewed and approved by:

/s/ Calvin Kimura
Calvin Kimura
Supervising Executive Officer

December 11, 2003
Date

[X] Approved as is.
[] Approved with amendments. See minutes of _____ meeting.